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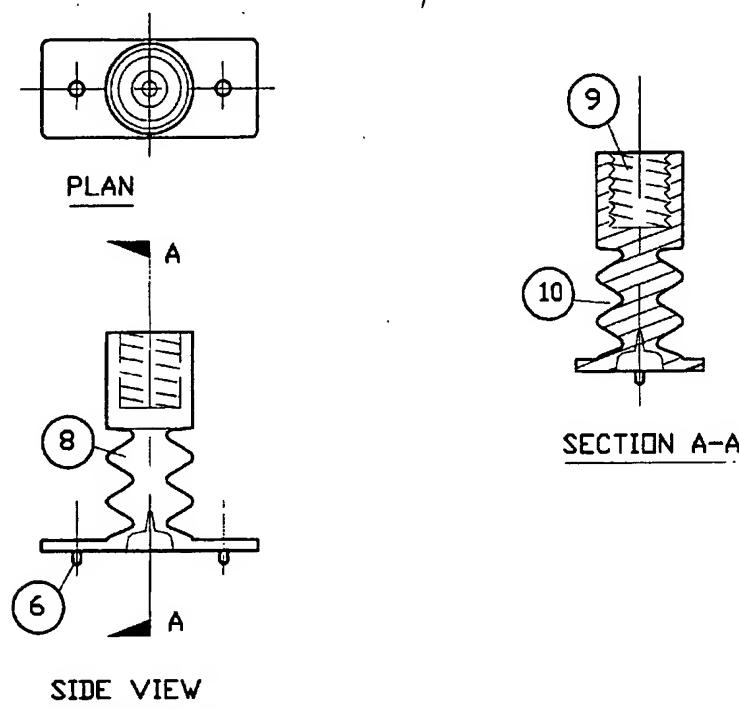
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(54) ABRASIVE SPONGE GRIP



(57) A hand tool, design to grip an abrasive sponge commonly use for sanding. This design also allow interchangeable handles specified as adapters.

"ABRASIVE SPONGE GRIP"**TECHNICAL FIELD**

This invention relates to the technical field involved in the manufacture of abrasive
5 sponge grip, these sponges are commonly used for sanding various objects such as wood,
wallboards, and metal.

BACKGROUND ART

10 When using an abrasive sponge, it becomes very awkward to grip, doing certain type of
sanding. In order to prevent injury to one's knuckles, and facilitate the sanding operation,
the abrasive sponge grip was developed.

Although there are several types of sanders and grips on the market, there is no similar
15 grip for these particular abrasive sponges. The sanding sponge grip, not only facilitate
sanding but can be adopted to use with standard extensions for hard to reach places such
as ceiling and the top of tall walls.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

20 The present invention comprises a metal or plastic tray with sharp 1/4" long tabs,
located on the two sides of the tray, these tabs are positioned to give maximum grip to the
sponge while sanding. By simply compressing the sponge below the tabs on one side of
the tray, the sponge can be easily removed.

25 In a further preferred embodiment of this invention, this sanding sponge grip, is
design to use interchangeable adapters, one for sanding at arms length, while the other
have flex joints, which is made from rubber or the likes, enabling sanding in various
positions when an extension is being used.
It will be appreciated that the sponge grip is design to be always narrower than the actual
30 abrasive sponges, in order not to impede sanding in the corners.

2**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 is a isometric view of the invention.

Figure 2 are pointed retainer tabs, these tabs retain the abrasive sponge while in
5 use.

Figure 3 are added side tabs, preventing the abrasive sponge pushing side ways

Figure "A" is a longitudinal sectional view in perspective.

Figure 6 are guide pins typically spaced on both adapters to fit in holes located in
tray Figure 4

10 Figure 8 is a side view of the extension adapter

Figure 9 is a threaded hole made to hold a standard broom handle extension

Figure 10 is the flex joint, design to facilitate movement during sanding

Figure 11 is a recess in the tray 5/8" dia. 3/16" deep

Figure 12 are clearance holes for #8 x 3/4" sheet metal screw

15 Figure 13 is an assembly of the abrasive sponge and handle

MODES FOR CARRYING OUT INVENTION

Figure 1 illustrate the sponge grip tray. This tray can be manufacture from sheet
20 metal, moulded plastic, zinc die cast, forging or the likes. This tray is design to accept
various width abrasive sponges. However, the length of the sponge may vary depending
on the manufacture.

The grip tray will be manufacture to suit the commonly used size sponges. For odd or
infrequently used size sponges, the sponge can be cut to suit the available size grip tray.
25 As illustrated in Figure 1 the inside of the tray is adapted with a plurality of punched tabs
(2) to provide grip for the abrasive sponge. These tabs can be spot welded in position,
moulded or punched in place. The grip tray has a centre recess (11) used as a countersink
for a # 8 screw and guide for the interchangeable handles. The extension adapter figure 8
is manufacture from flexible rubber, vinyl or the like. Figure 10 is the flex joint integrally
30 made with the extension. This joint replaces the commonly used universal joint.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION.

The "abrasive sponge grip" of the present invention may be manufactured for use in residential, commercial or industrial location.

5 IN THE CLAIMS.

1. An open tray having two sides, each side positioned at 90 degrees to the base of the tray, both sides are always shorter than the actual thickness of the abrasive sponge, and run parallel to each other, forming an oblong. The two inner faces on the perpendicular sides of the tray adapted with a plurality of pointed tabs positioned to retain the abrasive sponge while in use. One open side of the tray is design to be narrower, than the actual abrasive sponge, this feature allow the sponge to sand into a corner on both sides, without interference to the tray. The other open side of the tray is fitted with upright tabs, positioned to prevent the abrasive sponge from pushing out when sanding into corners. The handle (fig. 13) can also be positioned right or left on top of the sponge holder.

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2. The tray of claim 1 is design to accept the special design extension adapter, or the hand held adapter.

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3. An extension adapter design with an integral flex joint, used with the tray of claim 1

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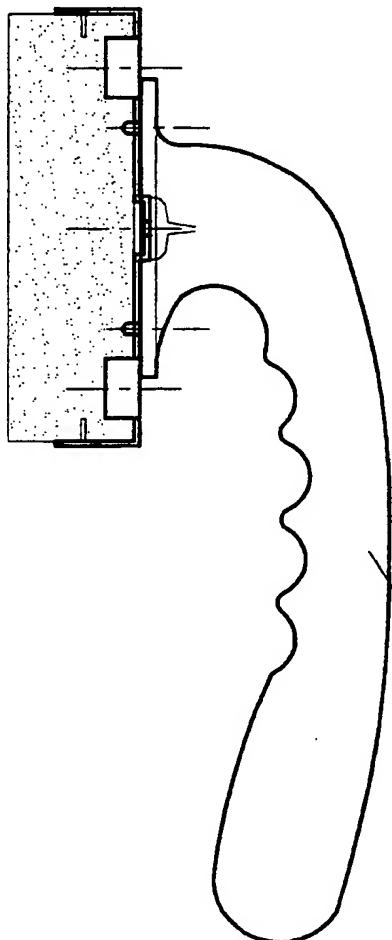
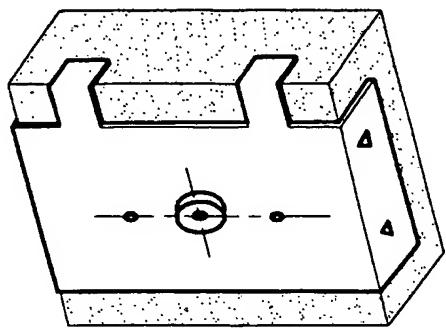
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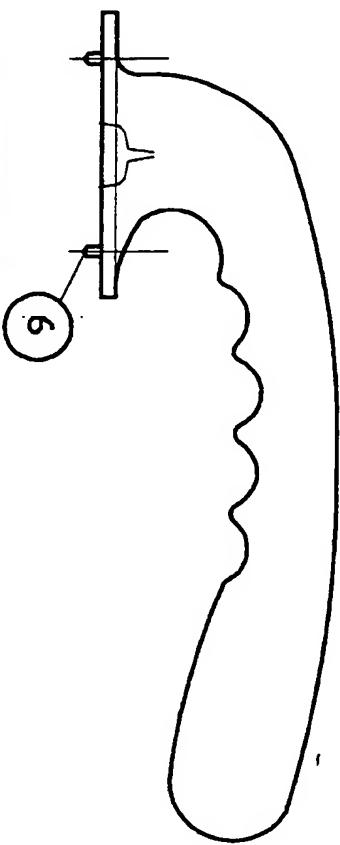
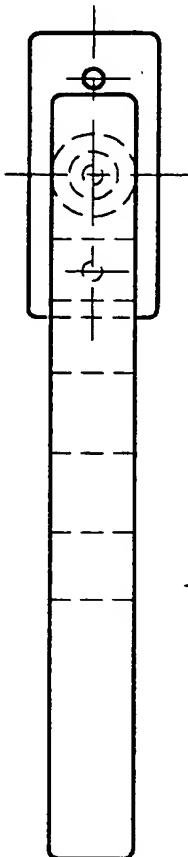
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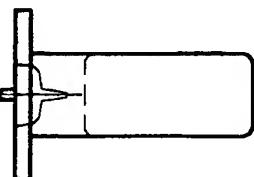
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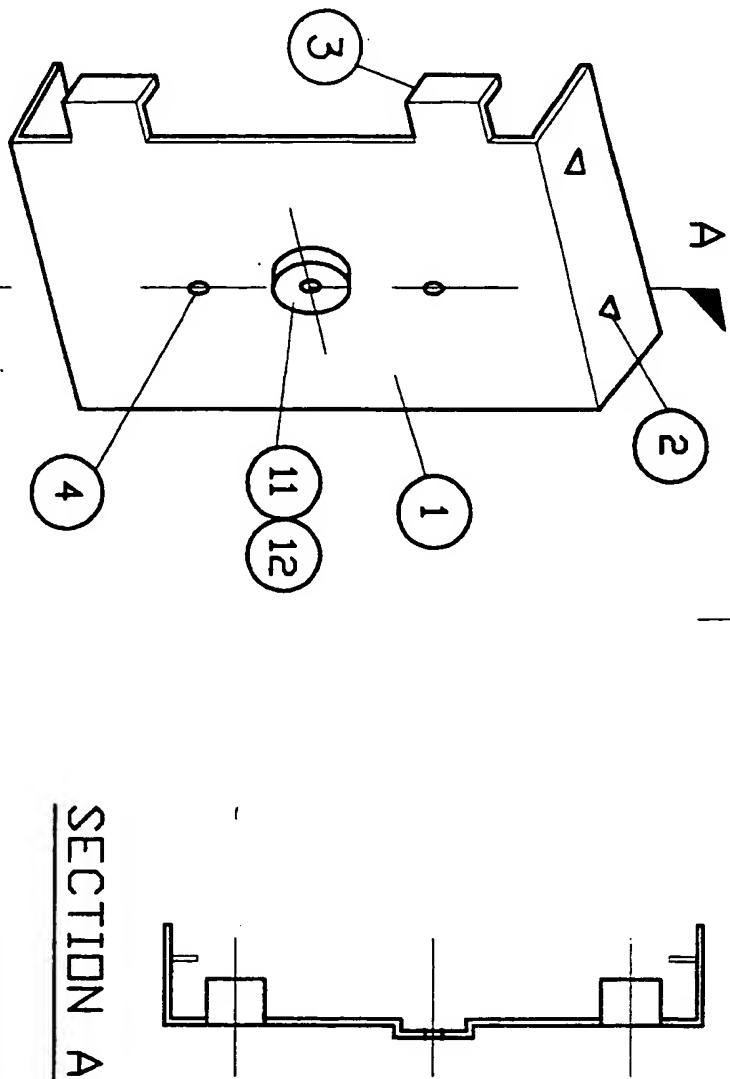
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ADAPTER HANDLEEND VIEW**ABRASIVE SPONGE GRIP**

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